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FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7932

INFO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJ: IRAN /SUDANESE OIL DEAL SPARKS CLOSER TIES

1. IRANIAN AMBASSADOR CONFIRMED TO AMBASSADOR MAR 31 THAT RECENT LOCAL PRESS STORY "SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT" IN STATING GOS HAS OBTAINED LOAN FROM IRAN TO COVER FOREIGN EXCHANGE NEEDED TO PURCHASE ALL ITS NEEDS FOR CRUDE OIL FOR ONE YEAR BEGINNING APR 1, 1974 (CAPACITY PORT SUDAN REFINERY ALMOST 1.5 MILLION TONS CRUDE ANNUALLY). MEANWHILE, SIX-MAN DELEGATION REPRESENTING IRANIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOW HERE EXPLORING WAYS DEVELOPING ADDITIONAL BILATERAL TRADE. DELEGATION'S REPORT ON ITS RETURN TEHRAN WILL BE USED AS BASIS PREPARATION NEW GOI/GOS TRADE AGREEMENT SCHEDULED BE SIGNED END APRIL. CONCURRENTLY, FONMINISTRY OFFICIAL FAIZ ABDUL RAHMAN, FORMERLY ATTACHED FONMIN'S PRIVATE OFFICE, LEAVING NEXT WEEK FOR TEHRAN TO ESTABLISH RESIDENT SUDANESE EMBASSY.

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2. COMMENT: IRANO-SUDANESE OIL DEAL NO DOUBT SIMILAR OTHERS

RECENTLY ANNOUNCED TEHRAN AND PROBABLY COVERS ADDITIONAL
FOREIGN EXCHANGE REQUIRED MEET RECENT PRICE INCREASES GOS
TWELVE-MONTH FUEL IMPORT BILL. WE ESTIMATE ON THIS BASIS GOS
WOULDNEED PAY GOI SOME \$40-42 MILLION BY NEXT APRIL, A SUM
NOT MUCH LARGER THAN SUDAN'S ANNUAL FUEL BILL PRIOR JANUARY 1
PRICE INCREASES.
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